



HAPPY NEW YEAR 2023

Welcome back to Year 1/2 at Bottisham
Primary School!

Pine, Beech and Hazel classes



What we are learning this term...

**Our topics this
term look at the
UK, and dive
into the past to
learn about
castles!**

A topic map will be sent
out separately so you can
see all the subjects and
themes we will study.

We will learn about online
safety in PSHE and
Judaism in RE. We are
studying Van Gogh in art.

**We will go on a
visit to
Mountfichet
Castle!**

Homework and spelling books will
go home on Fridays and should be
returned to school on Wednesdays.

'Seasonal
changes' is
our first
Science unit.

PE & Forest School

PE days

Children have 2 PE lessons a week (unless it is Forest school, then they only have one).

Hazel: Wednesday & Thursday

Pine: Thursday & Friday

Beech: Monday

PE requirements

Children should wear clothes that are easy to manage independently. No earrings.

Indoor and outdoor PE kit will be needed.

Forest School - BEECH CLASS

on TUESDAYS

(see separate information letter)



Equipment

Please name ALL clothing and equipment sent in to school so that we can reunite any lost property with its owner.

	REMINDERS...

Please provide hard-soled indoor shoes. These may be used outdoors in the case of a fire drill or to walk across the courtyard to lunch.

Please send a named water bottle and a snack each day.

Warm coats, waterproof layers and sturdy shoes or wellies are necessary for the winter as we often undertake learning outside!

Reading books

- a reminder



Each class has one 'book change day' per week:

Beech and Hazel - Monday

Pine - Tuesday

Children should bring their reading book and Home-School Journal in to school EVERY DAY.

As well as daily phonics sessions, all children take part in guided reading sessions to learn specific reading skills each week. Children also read individually to staff.

We routinely assess children's phonetic decoding, fluency and comprehension skills to ensure they are taking books at the correct level.

Please do contact your child's teacher if you have any queries regarding their reading progress.

Communication - a reminder



Teachers are always available at the start and end of the day, to exchange brief pieces of information about the children and have short conversations. For a longer conversation we would ask you to make an appointment at a mutually convenient time.

For non-urgent enquiries or information you may also email us on the addresses above.

We are unable to respond during the school day as we are teaching, but we endeavour to respond to all emails within 3 working days. Where a more detailed response is required, we will reply quickly to acknowledge your email and send a further reply within 7 working days (as outlined in the school policy).

Birthdays



We know children love to celebrate their birthdays with their school friends. Over the years we have really appreciated it when - instead of bringing in sweet treats - children have brought a book to give to the class book box.

This is completely optional, but we would love you to consider this option.

Books can be new or pre-loved. It can be from our wish list, or one of your choice.

Beech Class:

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1GDGDBXDXUIH5?ref_=wl_share

Hazel Class:

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1TE9C6CCWRAR6?ref_=wl_fv_le

Pine Class:

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1X985IMJLPVI?ref_=wl_share



**THANKS
FOR YOUR
SUPPORT**

Pine, Beech and Hazel classes